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SUBJECT: HUNGARY SUPPORTS U.S. POSITION ON RUSSIAN
RECOGNITION OF ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA

REF: A. SECSTATE 24186
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Classified By: Acting P/E Counselor Jon Martinson, reasons 1.4
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(C) MFA Russia Department Deputy EU Affairs Coordinator Peter Nagy discussed ref A with PolOff on March 19. Nagy stated that the GOH supports the U.S. views outlined in the demarche, highlighting previous statements by Prime Minister Gyurcsany and Foreign Minister Goncz (ref B). Referring to Belarus' possible recognition of the two break-away regions, Nagy commented that the Belarus legislature is scheduled to address the recognition issue on April 1, and if they approve recognition, he doubts that Lukashenko would be invited to the EU "Eastern Partnership" meeting scheduled for May. Queried as to whether Russia's Budapest Embassy has approached the GOH to recognize or accept diplomats as representing South Ossetia or Abkhazia, Nagy replied that there have been no such requests.
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